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New Train between Latur and Pune
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways proposes to run a new train between Latur and Pune ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of new railway lines proposed to be constructed and the number of new trains proposed to be introduced to provide railway connectivity through Maharashtra;

(d) whether the Railways also proposes to set up Marathwada Railway zone in Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)
(a) & (b) No, Madam. At present, there is no proposal to run a new train between Latur and Pune due to operational and resource constraints.

(c) 35 major railway projects consisting of 10 new lines, 4 gauge conversions and 21 doubling projects falling partly or fully in the State of Maharashtra having aggregate length of 5671 km at a cost of 52614 crore have been taken up. An expenditure of 4774 crore has been incurred on these projects upto March, 2016. An outlay of 4097 crore has been provided in 2016-17.

Further, 4 new lines i.e. Jeur-Aashti, Latur-Nanded via Loha, Ahmednagar, Gadchindur-Adilabad and Jalna-Khamgaon projects falling partly or fully in the State of Maharashtra having aggregate length of 458 km have been included in Capital Investment Programme of 2016-17 at a total cost of 9160 crore in anticipation of State Governments coming forward to take up the project through Joint Venture.

Furthermore, introduction of new train service is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources etc.

(d) No, Madam.

(e) Does not arise.
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